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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MASARU ISHIHARA, ET AL. :  
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FOR: MODIFIED BACTERIAL CELLULOSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.